

Appl. No. 09/891,481
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 13 are retained without amendment.

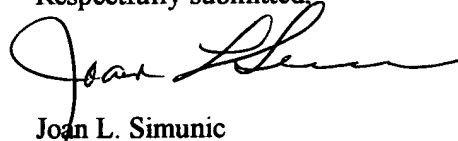
Claims 14 – 30 are cancelled from the application.

No claims are added.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. A wound covering pressure relieving pad comprising:
 - a. a shell, having a base with a periphery and a side projecting upwardly from said base adjacent to said periphery, wherein said base and said side form a cup contoured to accommodate a specified body part;
 - b. a platform, fixedly attached to said shell base such that said platform opposes said shell, said platform being composed of a resilient foam material; and
 - c. a means for reversibly securing said shell to said body part.
2. The pad of Claim 1 wherein said shell is composed of a resilient foam.
3. The pad of Claim 2 wherein said shell is composed of a viscoelastic foam material.
4. The pad of Claim 1 wherein said shell is composed of a plurality of layers of a resilient material, said layers being fixedly attached one to another, and each layer including an aperture sized and positioned to form the cup.
5. The pad of Claim 4 wherein said shell layers are composed of a viscoelastic foam material.
6. The pad of Claim 4 further including at least one non-continuous layer secured to said shell layers so as to form a rim on said cup, wherein said rim includes a recessed area.
7. The pad of Claim 1 wherein said platform is composed of a viscoelastic foam material.
8. The pad of Claim 1 wherein said platform is composed of a plurality of layers of a resilient material.
9. The pad of Claim 8 wherein said platform layers are composed of a viscoelastic foam material.
10. The pad of Claim 1 wherein said securing means is at least one strap, positioned between said shell and said platform.

11. The pad of Claim 10 wherein said strap is made of gauze, linen, low-denier cotton, low-denier polyester, or a combination thereof.
12. The pad of Claim 1 further including an exudates absorbing material fixedly secured within said cup.
13. The pad of Claim 12 wherein said exudates absorbing material is a hydrophilic polyether polyurethane foam.